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FROM RICHARD VERNON.

FORT PEARSALL Augt. 24th. 1758.

honble. Sir I hope no Eval will accrue from my detaining a Letter derected to you So Long by me, when had opertunety to send it sooner but humbly hope the Severity of my Disorder will plead my Excuse — Mr. Mc. Cullouch must apply to Sir John for Cash to Discharge the Branch forrage Acct. Mr. Walker hath wrote only for what will be sufficien to discharge the debts allredy Contracted below — I could not by any means bring a Total of the Forage Recd. below. Mr. Walker much ailing and in a hurry home, bundled up all the papers I had Relating to Three Large Quantitys — Forage before I had Entered them in my book —

please To Charge The Waggon masters To have all the Wagns. well secured both sides and ends That no Horses can teare their Bags; and cover the Seames in the bottoms of The wagns. underneath the Lode to prevent the bags from falling or working in which if they do, the motion of the wagn. will soon weare holes and lose the grain — Much damage hath been sustained that way notwithstanding repeated orders ware given to have the wagons secured as above — Please allso to order the wagn. Masters to bring in all the Empty baggs both flower and forrage baggs and Deliver them To The Commissarys proper to Receive Them —

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There are three men from Culpepper which Mr. Walker and myself are under promises to that they shall not be obligd any farther than Fort Cumberland. I beg your honr. may pay a regard To our Reputations.

I hope You'l not blaim me for ordering the Teams To be well fed this time — one Team well fed will do you more Sarvice in yr. march out, Then two that are meanly fed and its the Good of the Sarvice I have at hart — I hope no person of Knowledge or that is To be Regarded will Sensure me for the Loss of so many Cattle — I had no Gard assign'd me which was Exceeding ill usage — Nither Should I have left Edwards's Til next day and so push'd on to Pearsalls under my own Gard in one day; had not several Gentlemen laid down many Reasons why I should joyn them that night — but I hope the most of those beeves will be recovered again.

Thus Dr. Sir I Conclude a most Imperfect Letter beseeching The Great Disposer of Events to Defend and Prosper you Through all perrils and fatigues of War Bring you of Victorious at the close and Long Continue you the Delight of all well Effectd Virginians — I am Sir your most oblig'd hble Servt.

RICHD. VERNON